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DTE claims no PCB at fire site

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The subject of safety and PCB contamination was not addressed by officials from DTE Energy who spoke to the Plymouth City Commission during their regular meeting last week.

The presence of dangerous fumes and contamination was not mentioned during discussion of the fire and explosion that shut off power to more than 4000 residents for two days and destroyed the main electrical sub-station. Contamination was a critical concern for the fire chiefs and firefighters alike who responded to the fire, according to several sources in the area departments.

Forty-three area firefighters and a 12-man Wayne County Hazardous-Material team attended the explosion and fire when black smoke from burning oil could be seen for miles. The source of the fire, according to DTE spokesmen, was a decades-old power transformer that sat outside of the sub-station and next to the Plymouth Cultural Center. Firefighters were able to contain the transformer fire, and protect the adjacent sub-station building and Cultural Center. The oil capacity within the transformer, said to be up to 1000 gallons, remains unknown.

Regional Director of Operations Ryan Stowe along with Senior Manager Satvir Diol, apologized to commissioners for "any inconvenience." Stowe described the problem as an "unspecific transformer failure." Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who extended the invitation, thanked the executives for the fast response and round-the-clock work at the sub-station site on Farmer Street.

Workers load debris into barrels marked PCB following the fire and explosion in Plymouth last month.

Two days after the fire, workers in Haz-Mat protective gear were observed at the site shoveling heavy ash and oil soaked

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Down on the farm

Maybury opens corn maze, pumpkin festival

If it is autumn then it must be time to visit Maybury Farm.

Each year, Maybury Farm in Northville hosts the corn maze and the Great Pumpkin Festival. This year the new, U-Pick Pumpkin Patch has been added to the events at the working farm.

Cindy Kern, the farm manager, said that this year, the corn maze promises to be one of the very best that Maybury has ever created. "It is 10 acres of thick, lush corn that has been cut into a farm scene and is sure to challenge adults and kids alike."

"The corn maze will take an estimated hour and a half to complete but 10 checkpoints located throughout will help guide your way through…if you answer the question at each checkpoint correctly, that is," she said. Those who find all 10 checkpoints can enter to win a grand prize that is awarded at the end of the corn maze season.

This year, for visitors with small children, or those who would prefer a shorter challenge, the maze will offer a shortened version that brings visitors back to the entrance about half-way through. For those who want to try something a little spookier, however, the Maybury Farm corn maze is open until 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays so brave visitors can attempt to find their way through in the dark with just the moon and a flashlight to guide their way.

Following the challenge of the corn maze, visitors can enjoy cider and donuts from Parmenter's, along with other tasty treats.

The new Maybury Farm U-Pick Pumpkin Patch is a great place to find the perfect pumpkin, Kern noted.

"Remember, October is also the last month to visit with the Maybury Farm animals before the farm closes for the season. The barn will be open until 7 p.m. each Friday through Sunday.

Groups who wish to visit Maybury Farm during regular business hours do not need to make advance reservations. For groups of 25 or more who would like to schedule a

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Grant will fund Norwayne classes

Computer coding classes will continue at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Learning Center in Norwayne.

Members of the Westland City Council have approved a $38,000 contract with Quadrant 2 Education for the continued management of programming and teachers at the center to provide computer coding instruction and tutoring. Funding for the contract will be provided by a $42,200 Michigan State Police JAG grant recently awarded to the city.

The grant will allow the Learning Lab at the center to continue regular hours from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and add a summer program of enhanced coding events. The additional $4,200 the grant provides will be used for equipment and city expenses.

The Westland Police Department Community Police Officers are also an integral part of the program, interacting with students on a regular basis.

"Having Quadrant 2 as a managing partner has been enriching for many students who have utilized the learning center," commented Mayor William Wild. "Last year, the program saw a 35 percent increase from the first year and we expect the usage to continue to rise."

All students, ages 10 - 18 are welcome to participate in the Learning Center. There is no cost to participate.

For more information, contact the Learning Center at: sean@quadrant2coaching.com or call (734) 595-0288.

Election forums planned

Voters in both the Romulus city and Romulus Community Schools District elections can learn more about the candidates and issues at upcoming public meetings.

Romulus Community Schools will host a series of Town Hall meetings regarding the upcoming school millage questions on the Nov. 7 ballot while the Romulus Civic League has planned a Meet the Candidates meeting from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

The Meet the Candidates meeting will take place at The Romulus Civic League, 11495 Wahrman St. in Romulus.

Light refreshments will be provided at the meeting which is open to the public who will be invited to ask questions of the candidates.

Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg are unopposed in their bids for reelection while Treasurer Stacy Paige is being challenged by Ursula L. Wester.

Voters will be asked to choose seven from the field of 14 city council candidates that includes: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tomeka Boles, Harry Crout, Sandra Crout, Edward Martell, Jess D. McAnally, Paris McCarthy, Celeste Roscoe, Tina M. Talley, William Wadsworth, Sharon L. Walker, Eva Webb and Virginia Williams. Abdo, Barden, Roscoe and Wadsworth are incumbents.

The next school millage Town Hall meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 at Halecreek Elementary School. District representatives will explain the need for the two proposals, Hold Harmless and Sinking Fund.

The current Sinking Fund expires next year and the Hold Harmless, a renewal/reduction from 5.1314 to 2.5 mills, expired last year. If approved, it will expire in 2016.

The Sinking Fund is an increase from .075 mills to 3 mills. It is expected to cost taxpayers about $3 for every taxable $1,000 in property value.

The funds can only be used

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Belleville - Inkster

Grant will fund hiring of 9 firefighters

The Inkster Fire Department has been awarded a federal grant to hire nine new firefighters.

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters today announced the grant last week. The money will come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. The City of Inkster Fire Department will receive $1,682,760 which should fund the nine new firefighters for two years.

According to Inkster Fire Chief Chuck Hubbard, the city was fortunate to receive the grant which fire officials applied for on behalf of the city back in January.

"It's very competitive," Hubband said. "We are fortunate indeed to have been successful."

Hubbard said that the nine new firefighters would bring the total Inkster fire component to 30 working in suppression.

"That's a lot closer to meeting NFPA standards. We'll be able to staff more vehicles."

"Our firefighters in Southeast Michigan put their lives on the line every day to protect our families, homes, and communities," said Stabenow. "These resources will help make sure there is always someone there to answer the call in an emergency."

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"Firefighters and first responders are on the frontlines protecting our communities when emergencies strike," Peters said. "This funding will help ensure fire departments in Southeast Michigan have the trained staff they need to respond to emergencies."

Hubbard said that the city would begin the hiring process immediately and that he expected the nine new firefighters to be on staff in less than six months.

"By grant standards we have 180 days," he said.

Eligible fire departments in Michigan and across the country can apply for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grants. These competitive grants provide money to guarantee departments are appropriately staffed with qualified professional and volunteer firefighters. More information about the grant can be found at http://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants.

Monster Mutt Walk planned

A costumed Monster Mutt Walk is planned from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 in downtown Belleville.

The event is being organized by the Belleville Central Business Community in partnership with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. The event will take place on the city sidewalks and only Fourth Street will be closed for the event.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. on Fourth Street next to the Belleville Area Museum. The fee to enter a dog is $10 plus a can of dog food and advance registration is encouraged, organizers said.

The walk will start of Fourth Street and travel right onto Charles, left on Roys, right onto High Street and right on Main back to Fourth Street. Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in three categories: Scariest, Cutest and Best Mutt and Family. For the Mutt and Family category, the dog's family must also be dressed in costumes.

Also on hand for visitors will be the Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue Kissing Booth. For $1, visitors can enjoy a "poochie kiss."

Spectators are welcome and do not need four-footed friends to attend.

Applications for entry are available at www.bellevillecbc.or or call (734)558-5368 after 3:30 p.m. for more information.

The event sponsor is Applebees.

'Brews' to aid scholarships

Wayne County Community College will host Western Wayne Taste & Taps, a fundraiser for the college scholarship fund from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Ted Scott Campus in Belleville.

Area restaurants will provide taste-sized food samples which can be purchased with food-tasting tickets available for purchase while those 21 and older sample regional craft beers. The beer tasting fee is $20 and included a souvenir glass, t-shirt and 10 tasting tokens.

Live musical entertainment will be provided by RJ Spangler performing Detroit jazz and blues from 2-3:30 p.m. There will also be an animal magic show at 3:30 and Abrakadoodle will instruct young visitors in arts and crafts.

All proceeds from the food and beer tasting will benefit the college scholarship fund.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call (734) 699-7008.

The Ted Scott Campus is located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

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PROPERTY FOR SALE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

The Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking bidders interested in purchasing the Township's Department of Public Works Building and grounds, at 46555 Port Street, Plymouth MI, 48170. The site is currently zoned Industrial. The Township has no intention of re-zoning this parcel.

Interested bidders must send three sealed (3) hard-copy letters of interest to Mr. Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk, by Friday, October 20 at 4 p.m., including a tentative, proposed offer of purchase and a description for the proposed re-development of the site. Electronic copies must also be sent to Clerk Vorva at jvorva@plymouthtwp.org,

The top three (3) bids based on price and proposals will be reviewed by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. Recommended bidder(s) may be contacted by the Supervisor for further negotiations on price and terms. The Township's receipt of a bid does not constitute the acceptance of any offer to purchase or otherwise create any obligation for the Township to sell the property.

For additional information, please contact Supervisor Kurt Heise at (734) 354-3201 or by email at supervisor@plymouthtwp.org.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTING
LABORER POSITIONS

Notice is given that the City of Westland shall conduct Civil Service testing to create a list of qualified applicants for filling future laborer positions. Qualified individuals must complete a job application and submit a resume to determine eligibility; only those individuals who fulfill minimum requirements will be tested. Minimum requirements: Commercial Driver's License with A endorsement preferred or obtained within six (6) months from date of hire, High School diploma or GED equivalency, Certificate (25-48 credit hours resulting in certificate), or Associate's degree in any skilled trades preferred; or the equivalent education and/or work experience. Work is performed primarily outdoors and in all types of weather. Must be able to work overtime, including weekends and holidays. Competitive pay and comprehensive benefits package. For placement on Civil Service Eligibility List, applicant must successfully pass all testing. The City will limit Civil Service testing to the first fifty (50) applicants, based on date of submission of application and resume, who meet the minimum requirements. Your completed application, a resume including five (5) references will be accepted beginning 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 6, 2017 at the Office of Personnel, City Hall, City of Westland, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185-2016. The application process shall run from 10 a.m. October 6, 2017 through 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 3, 2017 after which time no applications shall be accepted. Application for employment may be found on City website www.cityofwestland.com. EOE

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CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE TO ELECTORS
Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS** are available for the November City General Election to be held Tuesday, November 7, 2017, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who:

1. Expect to be absent from the community the entire time the polls are open,
2. Are physically unable to attend the polls,
3. Cannot attend the polls due to religious beliefs,
4. Are 60 years of age or older,
5. Have been appointed an election inspector in a precinct other than where they reside, or
6. In jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

To obtain an Absentee Voter Ballot APPLICATION, please visit the City website at www.romulusgov.com or call the Clerk's office at 734-942-7540.

Notice is further given that Saturday, November 4, 2017 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for an elector who qualifies to vote as an absent voter, as defined in section 758, Michigan Election law, to apply for an absent voter ballot. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accept ballots.

"LATE" REQUEST DEADLINE: Absent voter ballots can be picked up by the voter in person anytime up to 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election - the ballot must be voted in the office; the voter is not permitted to leave with the ballot.

"EMERGENCY" REQUEST DEADLINE: An elector may make an "emergency" request for an absentee ballot if he or she cannot attend the polls because of (1) personal disablement or (2) a family death or illness which will require the elector leave the community for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day. The emergency must have occurred after 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the election.

REMINDER: The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, October 10, 2017.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2017
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Crout** seconded by **Makowski** to accept the agenda as presented **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-299 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 5, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Abstain**: Barden, Makowski. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried**.
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report:
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff presented a video in memory of September 11, 2001. He also presented a video of upcoming City events.
17-300 5A. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration to adjust the grant balances reflecting actual expenses from the 16/17 budget year.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Comm. Dev. Block Grant				
Revenue				
252-000-501.100	Federal Grant Revenue	576,120	19,352	595,472
Expenditures				
252-000-814.016	Clearance, Demo, Reme 16-24-04	73,600	(1,100)	72,500
252-000-831.016	General Admin 16-24-21A	6,290	267	6,557
252-000-844.016	Senior Services 16-24-05A	2,240	396	2,636
252-000-845.142	Park/Rec Facilities 14-24-03F	-	1,225	1,225
252-000-887.016	Economic Dev 16-24-18A	226,820	19,886	246,706
252-000-971.015	Acquisition & Relocation 15-24-01	47,770	(1,322)	46,448

To adjust the grant balances reflecting actual expenses from the 16/17 budget year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
17-301 6A1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-7, Library Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of September 5, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that delinquent taxes can be paid at a kiosk in Rite Aid stores; also, DTE Energy bills can be paid the same way. Visit www.WCTKiosk.Com for locations and updates.
7. Public Comment:
A candidate for City Council inquired about political campaign signs. A resident spoke about not putting signs on city right-of-ways. Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees, announced a euchre tournament will be held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at the V.F.W. Hall – with all proceeds going to the cemetery fund. A resident spoke about political candidates going door-to-door in the City of Romulus.
8. Unfinished Business:
City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg informed that there is currently no city ordinance regarding political signs; however; signs cannot be placed where they will block right-of-ways. She also mentioned the "100 ft rule" regarding political signs on Election Day. Councilman Wadsworth announced that St. Aloysius Church will have a "white elephant sale" during Pumpkin Festival. He also spoke about the bingo fundraiser with all proceeds going to the Romulus Animal Shelter. Jadie Settles, Director of Public Safety, expressed that if anyone has a problem with signs on city property to call the Ordinance or Police Department – do not move the signs – let the authorities handle the situation.
9. New Business: None.
10. Communication:
Councilwoman Roscoe announced that the Boy Scouts will hold their annual pancake breakfast during the Pumpkin Festival.
17-302 11. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 17-17 in the amount of $707,464.72. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 11, 2017.

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DETROIT REGION AEROTROPOLIS
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
STATE OF MICHIGAN

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE DETROIT REGION AEROTROPOLIS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE DETROIT REGION AEROTROPOLIS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGION:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Executive Committee of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, the 25th day of October, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time in the Detroit Region Aerotropolis offices located at 11895 S. Wayne Rd, Suite 101A, Romulus, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan (the "Plan") for the Local Development Finance Authority of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation pursuant to Act 281 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1986, as amended.

The property to which the Plan applies is located near the southern intersection of Ecorse and Henry Ruff Road, in the City of Romulus, as described more fully in the proposed Plan.

Copies of the proposed Plan, maps, etc. are on file at the office of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation for inspection during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the Executive Committee shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of Plan. All aspects of the Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained by calling the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation at 734-992-2286.

This notice is given by order of the Executive Committee of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation, State of Michigan, pursuant to Section 4 of Act 281 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1986, as amended.

Wendy Sutton
Secretary

CANTON - NORTHVILLE

'The Relentless Tour' coming to Canton

Anthony Ianni

Noted motivational speaker Anthony Ianni will bring "The Relentless Tour," to Canton Township next week.

Ianni, an anti-bullying expert, will speak from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Presented by The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center and the Canton Youth Advisory Council, the free event will feature Ianni, a member of the Michigan State University 2010 and 2012 Big Ten Champion and Tournament Championship teams and the 2010 Final Four team. Ianni is currently traveling across the state spreading a message of tolerance, as he continues to fight bullying in schools statewide.

As a child, Ianni was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and was the victim of bullying. He graduated from Michigan State University and became the first known individual with autism to play Division I college basketball. Under legendary MSU coach Tom Izzo, Ianni played with the 2010 and 2012 Big Ten Champion and Tournament Championship teams, and the 2010 Final Four team. He has won a number of awards including the MSU Tim Bograkos Walk-On Award, the 2012 MSU Unsung Player Award, and was named a 2013 Detroit Pistons Community Game Changer finalist.

Through the Relentless Tour, Ianni, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the Autism Alliance of Michigan seek to raise awareness of autism and the problem of bullying. Ianni's message encourages students to make their schools a place where people from all walks of life are respected.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center provides students ages 11-17 with a teen-friendly atmosphere that is home to all of their favorite activities. Visitors to The B.L.O.C.K. can enjoy: a computer lab with internet, video games, pool tables, Foosball, a big screen TV, a quiet study room and a café for snacks and small meals, all in a safe and supervised environment. The B.L.O.C.K. (Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids) Youth and Teen Center is located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Members of the Canton Youth Advisory Council regularly attend The B.L.O.C.K.'s Afterschool Program and actively provide teen input for the ongoing development of youth programming in addition to taking part in community outreach projects.

For additional information about "The Relentless Tour" visit www.cantonfun.org or call The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center at (734) 398-5570.

Northville officer graduates from FBI academy

Northville Township Police Lt. Michael Burrough graduated from the 269th session of the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, VA., Sept. 15.

Burrough completed 17 credit hours of college courses during the 10-week program. Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program at the FBI Academy provides 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions, according to a prepared release from the township.

FBI Associate Deputy Director David Bowdich was the principal speaker at the graduation ceremony.

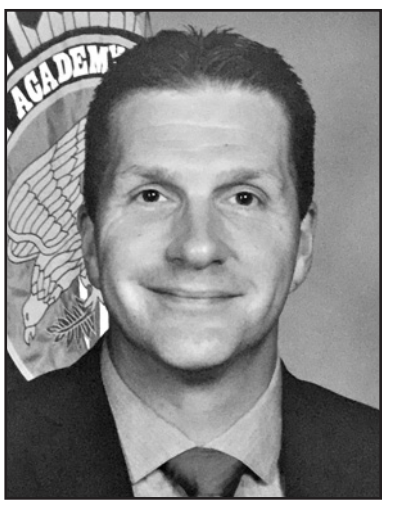
The 224 law enforcement officers of the 269th Session of the National Academy represented agencies from 48 states which included the District of Columbia, 22 international countries, five military organizations, and six federal civilian organizations.

Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

National Academy students are able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia. A total of 50,365 graduates now represent the alumni of the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. Less than 1 percent of law enforcement nationwide will be selected to attend this training, according to the statement from the township.

Additionally, Burrough holds a bachelor's degree and earned his master's degree in organizational leadership and administration from Concordia University.

Burrough was hired by Northville Township in 2005. He was promoted to sergeant in 2014 and lieutenant in 2016.


Lt. Michael Burrough

Farm

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weeknight outing, call (248) 374-0200 to reserve a date Maybury Farm also offers bonfires that are available during regular business hours or as part of a group reservation.

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open from 5-10 p.m. Fridays, from noon until 10 p.m. Saturdays and from noon until 7 p.m. on Sundays.

The last wagon leaves for the maze one hour prior to close.

The Corn Maze will be open through Oct. 29. Admission to the Maybury Farm corn maze is $7 per person and includes farm admission and a wagon ride to and from the maze. Free admission is offered to children ages 2 and younger.

The 4th Annual Great Pumpkin Festival will take place from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Oct. 14. The event features live music, food, pumpkin-themed games and activities for children, beeswax candle making, story time and sing-a-long, and more activities.

Children of all ages are encouraged to wear their Halloween attire to enter the costume contest. The Great Pumpkin Festival was the most popular Maybury Farm event of 2016 and will be even better this year, Kern said.

Admission to the Great Pumpkin Festival is $5 per person and includes farm admission or, for $8 per person guests can enjoy the festival, corn maze with wagon ride, and farm admission. Children 2 and younger are admitted to the Great Pumpkin Festival at no cost.

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation; the funds raised from the corn maze are used to help support the work of the farm, and their mission of connecting the community to animals and agriculture through hands-on experiences that are both engaging and educational.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. Parking is free. To learn more about autumn activities at the farm, visit www.mayburyfarm.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

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The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – September 26, 2017 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to appoint Treasurer Slavens as Temporary Clerk for this meeting only. Motion carried by all members present. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Siegrist Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Meier, Joseph Kocinski Staff Absent: Director Trumbull **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Foster, supported by Sneideman to remove Item G-4 from the agenda and to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Foster to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2017 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Sneideman, supported by Foster to approve the Board Study Session Minutes of September 19, 2017 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** None **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **PUBLIC HEARING: PH-1: Public Hearing For Consideration of a Local Government Approval for the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control (MLCC) Liquor License Application of Genova Pizzeria, LLC for a new Tavern License with the addition of an SDM License for his business located at 42911 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County. (Clerk)** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to open the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. to consider the request for a Local Government Approval for the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) Liquor License Application of Genova Pizzeria, LLC for a new Tavern License with the addition of an SDM License for his business located at 42911 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. Supervisor Williams reported on a conversation he had with Genova owner, Mark Younes regarding his business lease. Mr. Younes assured Supervisor Williams that he will be in Canton for another six years. Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to close the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. to consider the request for a Local Government Approval for the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) Liquor License Application of Genova Pizzeria, LLC for a new Tavern License with the addition of an SDM License for his business located at 42911 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve the request for a Local Government Approval for the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) Liquor License Application of Genova Pizzeria, LLC for a new Tavern License with the addition of an SDM License for his business located at 42911 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County "above all others". Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Resolution Supporting Manufacturing Day in Canton Township. (Supv.)** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Foster to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MANUFACTURING DAY IN CANTON TOWNSHIP Whereas,** Manufacturing Day is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers and occurs on the first Friday in October; and **Whereas,** Manufacturers contributed $2.18 trillion to the U.S. economy in 2016 and total manufacturing output in Michigan in 2015 was $92.55 billion; and **Whereas,** Over the next decade, nearly 3½ million manufacturing jobs will likely be needed, and 2 million are expected to go unfilled due to the skills gap; and **Whereas,** Manufacturing Day addresses common misperceptions about manufacturing by giving manufacturers an opportunity to open their doors and show, in a coordinated effort, what manufacturing is — and what it isn't; and **Whereas,** With an event like Manufacturing Day, manufacturers will begin to address the skilled labor shortage they face, connect with future generations, take charge of the public image of manufacturing, and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Canton Board of Trustees does hereby support Manufacturing Day in Canton Township, and commends the Canton Chamber of Commerce for putting together an event that exposes middle school and high school students to the true image of 21st century manufacturing. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Approve IT Services – Plante Moran Phone RFP Design and Selection Assistance for the Replacement of the Township's Phone System. (FBD)** Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to approve the purchase of services proposed by Plante Moran in an amount not to exceed $17,500 to assist Canton Township in the System Design and Request for Proposal Development and Vendor Selection of the Township's Telecommunications Upgrade project and waive the purchase policy requirements for this purchase. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-2. Consider First Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances Regarding the Whelan/Greenleaf Trust Conditional Rezoning. (MSD)** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for the request to conditionally rezone the subject tax parcel #s 004-99-0002-003 and 003-99-0007-003 from LI, Light Industrial District to R6, Single-Family Attached Residential District, subject to the Statement of Conditions and concept plan. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to table for consideration and hold the second reading on October 10, 2017 of the proposed amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for the request to conditionally rezone the subject tax parcel #s 004-99-0002-003 and 003-99-0007-003 from LI, Light Industrial District to R6, Single-Family Attached Residential District, subject to the Statement of Conditions and concept plan. Motion carried by all members present. Resident Gale Owens, 8416 Orhan expressed her concerns about the many industrial businesses near the site and the access by Police and Fire in case of a hazardous spill. Train blocking the road numerous times a day is a concern. Trustee Graham-Hudak expressed her concerns about the trains blocking the road. Director Meier addressed their concerns. Director Faas addressed the traffic study done and that Wayne County is willing to work with Canton regarding signal modifications. Builder Danny Veri remarked that the project will add beauty to the area and passed along contact information for the train master. **Item G-3. Consider Final Approval of the Westchester III Planned Development District Agreement and the Preliminary Site Plan for Ridge Creek Site Condominiums. (MSD)** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final Approval of the Planned Development for Westchester III and Approval of the Preliminary Site Plan for Ridge Creek Site Condominium WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor has requested final approval for the Westchester III Planned Development and Preliminary Site Plan for Ridge Creek Site Condominium, located south of Warren Road and west of Ridge Road on tax parcel # 025-99- 0004- 701.; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission voted to recommend final approval of the PDD and preliminary approval of the site plan, based on the findings that the proposed planned development and preliminary site plan are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed final planned development and preliminary site plan and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendations attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby grant final approval of the Westchester III Planned Development and Preliminary Site Plan for Ridge Creek Site Condominium on tax parcel # 025-99-0004-701 as proposed. **Item G-4. Removed from the agenda Item G-5. Consider Waiving the Finance Purchasing Policy and Award a Contract to SmithGroup JJR for Design Services for the Next Phase of the Lower Rouge River Trail and Approval of a Budget Amendment. (MSD)** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to award a contract to SmithGroup JJF for Lower Rouge River Trail Design Services for an amount not to exceed $79,350 and to approve the following budget amendments: Increase revenue #592-000.539 State Grant Revenue $40,000 Decrease revenue#592-000.695 Fund Balance Appropriation $40,000 Decrease expense #592-445.930_0050 Maint. & Repair Infrastructure $79,350 Increase expense #592-445.970_0050 Capital Outlay Infrastructure $79,350 Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement with SmithGroup JJR for Lower Rouge River Trail Design services on behalf of Canton. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-6. Consider Approval to Waive the Finance Purchasing Policy & Approve the Purchase of Server Hardware & Software from Dell for the Electronic Plan Submittal Project. (MSD)** Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to approve the purchase of the hardware and software necessary for the electronic plan submittal project for an amount of $37,917.55 and waive the purchase policy requirements for this purchase. Motion carried by all members present. Director Faas remarked that the Township will save costs of print and paper on maps that will be scanned. **Item G-7. Consideration of First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 46, Article VIII, Division 3 of the Canton Code of Ordinances, Entitled "Alcoholic Liquor" to Bring the Ordinance into Compliance with Recent Changes to State Law. (PSD)** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to introduce and hold the first reading of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 46, Article VIII, Division 3 of the Canton Code of Ordinances, Entitled "Alcoholic Liquor" to bring the ordinance into compliance with recent changes to State Law. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to table for consideration and hold the second reading on October 10, 2017 of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 46, Article VIII, Division 3 of the Canton Code of Ordinances, Entitled "Alcoholic Liquor" to bring the ordinance into compliance with recent changes to State Law. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Trustee Foster announced the Roads Task Force meeting on October 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Director Faas announced our next Study Session on October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, discussion is on Drains. Wayne County will attend. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried by all members present._____**Dian Slavens, Temporary Clerk** _____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S.Canton Center Rd., Canton, 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours or accessed through our website www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

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Romulus - Wayne

Residents receive some cheerful and helpful advice during the Annual Romulus Health and Wellness event.

Annual Health Fair set

Hundreds of area residents are expected to participate in the annual Health and Wellness Fair next week at the Romulus Senior Center.

The Health Fair will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 and is open to all ages from Romulus and surrounding communities but is targeted at senior citizens.

The day will feature resources and helpful information from a variety of vendors including B Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Senior Alliance, Corpore Sano, Beltone Hearing Center, Romulus Athletic Center, the Lodge at Taylor, Regency Health Care, Health Quest and many more.

"We are happy to continue our Health Fair again this year and encourage all residents, not just our seniors, to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

There will be flu and shingles vaccinations available with advance registration. Other free offerings will include blood pressure checks, blood sugar screenings, raffles and prizes. The Senior Alliance will be present assisting residents with Medicare Open Enrollment.

"We have a great fair planned for this year. There are many free offerings, prizes and give-aways that we hope will entice our residents to come and learn about bettering their health," said Rose Swidan, senior services director for Romulus.

The Senior Center is located at 36525 Bibbins in Romulus.

For more information, call Swidan at (734) 955-4120.

Stepping out

Wayne senior sets walking record

Lynn Higgs, 80, has out walked the other members of the Healthy Wayne Walking Club.

If the idea of the Healthy Wayne Walking Club is to get residents out and active, Lynn Higgs is ahead of the game.

Higgs, 80, joined the club in July. A Healthy Wayne initiative, the program calls for participants to sign up with a walking buddy and then log the amount of time they walk. After 31 walking days-that is, days they actually go for a walk, not necessarily calendar days-they can turn in their tracking log at the HYPE Recreation Center in Wayne for a chance to win prizes. They can take as long as they want or need to fill up the 31 day schedule.

When Higgs turned in her log, Lynette Ish-Green, Healthy Wayne project manager, thought she had filled it out incorrectly. In the 'steps' column, Higgs had entered anything from 1.5 to eight-and she had entries for every single day. It turns out, she wasn't logging steps-she was logging miles.

"I like to get up in the morning and just go," said Higgs, a Wayne resident. "It just keeps me busy and it makes me feel better. My husband and I were always active and because our kids grew up with that, the kids are all active. I think that's good."

She and her husband, Jerry, have five children, and they all participated in sports. Higgs started running with them while they trained in junior high school and only stopped jogging when she was 68, and the rigorous activity bothered her knees.

Now, she walks between 2 and 5 miles every day, and occasionally up to 8.

"It just keeps you healthy, especially when you get older. Even getting out and walking for 15 minutes a day is beneficial for everyone," she said. "I have a lot of friends that are younger than I am that are almost sedentary. It really bothers me."

The Wayne Walking Club mirrors programs in Taylor and Trenton, which have also partnered in the Beaumont Healthy Communities initiative. To participate, all anyone has to do is sign up with a walking partner. They're given a Beaumont bag that includes a free pedometer and a lanyard with the walking log so they can track their progress.

"You have to have a partner," said Ish-Green. "If you're doing it alone, you're not necessarily committing to it. With a partner you can encourage each other.

"Each of the Healthy Communities is doing some kind of walking activity," she added. "The whole idea is to try to get people to add it into their routine."

For filling out a schedule, Higgs was entered into a drawing for a new Fitbit. She won, but said she's since passed it on to one of her daughters, who is training for a marathon. She didn't need it, anyway.

"I tried it out for a couple of weeks and it told me I was an over-achiever," she said with a chuckle.

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1. Obituaries

Susan Gowen

Susan Ella Gowen, 91, of Adrian, went to be with the Lord the morning of Oct. 1, 2017 under the loving care of Hospice of Lenawee at Brookdale in Adrian. She was born on June 8, 1926 in Ethridge, TN to Cordie and Sadie (Kerr) Holland. She married the love of her life, Gaylon Gowen, on May 19, 1946, and he preceded her in death in 1994. In 1945 Susan was a D.A.R representative. She was employed as a payroll data processor at Ford Motor Co. in Rawsonville, for more than 30 years. She was a founding member of the Cornerstone Community Church in Brooklyn from 1999. She loved to garden and canned the fruits of her labor. Above all, she loved her family and will missed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Gowen will be missed by her children, Ernest (Roberta), Vernon (Bonnie) and David (Marge) Gowen; her brother, Harley (Geneva) Holland; a sister, Mildred Buffaloe; five grandchildren, Gwendolyn, Clint, Gretchen, Kirby and Katie; five step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, Brandon, Elizabeth, Hayden and Alyssa; 12 step-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gaylon; a grandson, Grady; daughter in-law, Janice; brothers, CW and Dan Holland, and sisters Christine Hill, Doris Grantham and Elizabeth Grisholm.

Mrs. Gowen's family and friends gathered Oct. 5, 2017 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Braun Chapel where her farewell will take place on Friday, Oct. 6. Pastor John Masters of Cornerstone Community Church of Brooklyn will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to Cornerstone Community Church of Brooklyn or Hospice of Lenawee. Please leave a message of comfort for Mrs. Gowen's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borek-jennings.com.

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Make A Difference Day
Saturday, November 18
Volunteers are needed

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Volunteers are invited to rake leaves and provide light outdoor labor for senior citizens and people with disabilities in the Plymouth/Canton communities. A continental breakfast and lawn bags will be provided.

You are asked to bring your own rakes, yard tools and work gloves.

Anyone under 18, must be accompanied by an adult.

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Plymouth - Westland

Westland mayor named to municipal league board

Westland Mayor William R. Wild has been elected to serve on the Michigan Municipal League Board of Trustees. Wild was one of six officials elected to the board from across the State of Michigan Sept. 12.

The Michigan Municipal League provides a wide variety of services to help member communities sustain highly livable, desirable and unique places within the state. Their services include state and federal advocacy, place making techniques, legal and insurance services, executive search services, education on a multitude of topics relevant to municipal officials, and much more, according to a prepared statement.

The Michigan Municipal League is supported by a strategic board of trustees who are a critical part of the organizational structure. The 18-member board guides the internal workings and public policy of the league with support from five legislative committees. The president of the group appoints a nominating committee to review candidates and make recommendation for election at the annual meeting during the convention.

Preference is given during selection to those individuals who have shown a commitment to the league and its principles, according to a prepared statement from the organization.

"It is my honor to be elected to serve on the Michigan Municipal League's Board of Trustees," commented Wild. "Michigan Municipal League aims to improve Michigan communities through innovative programs, connecting ideas and people and providing resources and services to the communities they serve. As mayor of the City of Westland, I am excited to bring my unique perspective and experience to Michigan Municipal League and I am looking forward to sharing ideas with the many talented individuals who comprise the board."

Grand opening

Township officials, firefighters and residents from Northville and Plymouth celebrated the re-opening of the Lake Pointe Fire Station last week. The two communities approved a joint occupancy agreement which allows each township to now have two firefighters on duty at the station. Northville Township Fire Chief Brent Siegel with Plymouth Township Chief Dan Phillips said the opening would offer better service to the public while Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise and Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix prepare to cut the grand opening ribbon with a fire ax. Photos by Don Howard

United Way seeks volunteers

Plymouth Community United Way is seeking volunteers for the annual Make a Difference Day set for Saturday, Nov. 18.

Volunteers will be helping to provide fall clean-up for low-income and disabled community members in Plymouth and Canton. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at Plymouth First United Methodist Church. After breakfast, teams will head out to two selected homes in the community.

Volunteers are asked to register with Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879 ext 5. This event is perfect for families, youth groups, local companies, or just about anyone, she said.

"Come with friends, or alone, we will match you with a great group of hard-working team members, Williams said. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult," Williams added.

Volunteers should be prepared to bring rakes, and other yard tools if possible. Plymouth Community United Way will supply lawn bags secured through grants and donations.

Any company or group that would like to participate but cannot come on Saturday can schedule another volunteer clean-up day by contacting Williams.

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org Serving the Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County area since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.

New art exhibit at city hall

Three Cities Art Club will have a new exhibit, Earth is Full of Art, at Westland City Hall continuing through Nov. 28.

The Gallery is located in the west wing, to the left when visitors enter Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The gallery is open to the public during hours city hall is open.

The exhibition includes watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, airbrush, and photography. On display is art of this world and some other-worldly pieces.

An opening reception is planned from 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11.

This is a free event open to the public.

The artists will be on hand, refreshments will be served and there will be original art for sale starting at $40.

For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or email marilynmeredith@wowway.com or visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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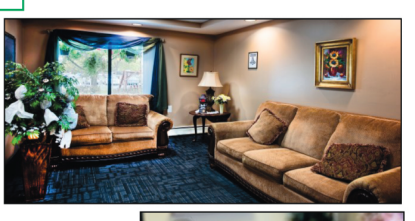

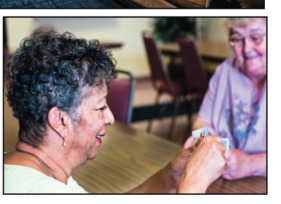

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Calendar of events

$25,000 raffle under way

Tickets for the second annual Northville Educational Foundation $25,000 Cash For College Raffle are now available.

Tickets are priced at $50 each, or three for $100. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the Northville Educational Foundation and the 7,300 students in the district. If ticket sales total less than $50,000, the prize will revert to a 50/50 drawing with a minimum of a $1000 prize.

The drawing will take place at about 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at downtown the Northville Tree Lighting Ceremony in the town square just after the Holiday Lighted Parade. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Tickets will be sold until the start of the parade Nov. 17, or until all 1500 tickets are sold, whichever comes first). Purchasers must be 18 or older.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.SupportNEF.org or in person at the Northville Educational Foundation office at 501 West Main St. in Northville.

Library Storytimes begin

Storytimes are planned for September and October at the Belleville District Library.

Family Storytimes will take place at 6:30 p.m. Mondays for children ages 4-10; Fall Tuesday "Toddler Times" are planned for 11 a.m. for children ages 2-4 and Fall Thursday "Toddler Times" will take place at 11 a.m.

The Belleville Area District Library is located at 167 Fourth St. For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Chicken Supper served

The Willow United Methodist Church will serve a chicken supper beginning at 5 p.m. until sold out Wednesday, Oct. 11.

The cost for the meal is $10 per person, meals for children 12 and younger are pieced at $5.

The menu includes fired chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole saw, dessert, coffee, or tea or milk.

The church is located 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

Carryout service begins at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 654-9020.

Family Story Time planned

The Romulus Public Library will host Family Story Time at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays through Oct. 19.

Story Time will include aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) depending on the weekly meeting theme.

For more information on the free event, call (734)942-7589 or visit www.romuluslibrary.org.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Northville Cemetery Walk set

The Leaders and Legends of Northville will be discussed during the Northville Cemetery Walk 2017 set for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8 at Rural Hill Cemetery.

The cemetery is located off Seven Mile Road between Center and Rogers streets. Visitors are asked to park in the lot at the front of the cemetery.

Tickets are priced at $10 for members of the historical society or $15 for non-members if purchased in advance. Tickets will be $18 is purchased the day of the walk.

Tickets can be purchased at Mill Race Village, Knightsbridge or online at www.millracenorthvill.org or by phone at (248) 348-1845.

Second Monday Book Club meets

The Second Monday Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Romulus Public Library in the meeting room

The book this month is The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman and copies are now available at the library.

The meeting is free and open to all adults 18 and older.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Legends raffle tickets on sale

Tickets for the Inkster Legends Annual Christmas Giveaway are now on sale for $10.

The annual raffle funds holiday groceries and gifts for 100 less fortunate Inkster families.

This year the annual raffle will include a grand prize of two tickets to see the Houston Rockets vs. the Detroit Pistons at Little Caesars Arena Jan. 6, 2018. First prize is a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel with breakfast and second prize will be four tickets to The Henry Ford museum. Third prize is a birthday party blast for 15 people at the Romulus Athletic Center and fourth prize is two racks of lamb from Fairway Meats in Detroit. Fifth prize is a one-day weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel and sixth prize is a Garmin GPS Navigation system. Seventh, Eighth and Ninth prizes are dinner for two at Urban Soul, dinner for two at They Say and dinner for two at Red Lobster. Bonus prize this year is a $25 gift certificate at Famous Ford Garage restaurant in Dearborn and the bonus grand prize is a family package for four people to see the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters at Little Caesars Arena.

The drawing for the raffle will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

For more information go to www.inksterlegends.com and click on contact us.

For raffle tickets contact Fred Smiley at (734) 890-2478, Daniel Orr (313) 715-6700 or Larry Spencer (313) 520-8144.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The program will be a presentation of the very best stereo images from the recent Ohio International Stereo Exhibition. After a refreshment break, there will be a 3D Flowers and Gardens competition among club members.

The meetings are free to attend and open to the public. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

League of Women Voters plans auction

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will host the annual auction beginning with viewing at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburg Road, Livonia. The auction is open to the public and there is no cover charge. Items to be auctioned include local business gift certificates, holiday and household items, jewelry, homemade baked goods and event tickets. The auction starts at 11:30 and continues until 1:30.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to fund League non-partisan election activities including candidate forums and voter guides.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party. For more information, call (734)-421-4420.

DTE

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debris from the site of the fire into black, 50-gallon sealed drums. The drums were clearly labeled as containing PCB, (polychlorinated biphenyls), a probable human carcinogen which cannot by law be manufactured in the United States.

Describing the sub-station as an "older dying system," Stowe told commissioners trees cause 70 percent of power outages. He said that crews would be working to replace all the damaged equipment on the grid during the next six months and DTE is considering a future re-build of the facility that would modernize and replace all components and increase electrical capacity in the area.

Commissioner Joe Valenti asked if DTE "…was just patching and old infrastructure with a bigger patch." Stowe responded, "No, there's a lot of new stuff there."

"I thought it was good to see the regional director and engineer come to meet with us, but I felt the answers were pretty thin," Valenti said after the meeting.

In a later interview, Stowe and Diol had only scant information regarding any possibility of contamination or danger to residents and referred questions to their corporate communications department.

Sources close to the issue reported that DTE was also very concerned about possible contamination and collected 55 soil samples outside the fenced grid-area for analysis to be performed by a testing company.

In a later prepared statement, DTE spokesperson Randi Berris said, "DTE Energy follows all federal and state environmental regulations. The EPA has been involved since the day of the fire in Plymouth and has been satisfied with all our samples and the data we have provided."

The statement added, "Because it takes time to receive the analytics back from the samples we tested, it's a federal requirement to label the drums as "PCB." That is out of an abundance of caution and does not mean that any PCBs are actually present. And in fact, there was no detectable PCBs once the testing was complete. The cleanup crew was wearing the protective gear because they were working in dirt and soot - not because of any concern about contaminants.

"Working with EPA, DEQ and the City of Plymouth, we checked the storm drains multiple times and saw no impact from the oil."

Northville-Plymouth Fire Chief Steve Ott said that during the fire the Wayne County Haz-Mat team conducted air-monitoring samples in the residential area and there were no signs of PCBs.

Ott said the 15-sets of firefighter turnout gear were given to DTE for testing even though there were no signs of visible contamination, oil or residue.

"Out of an abundance of caution and at the fire department's request, we collected and ran samples on the fire department gear-everything came back non-detect for PCBs. Testing of the transformer that caught fire did not show detectable PCB content," Berris said. Stowe said DTE received the official results of the after the cleanup occurred.

"The fire was not a PCB hazard and multiple soil samples proved the PCB levels to be under 50 PPM, the EPA threshold."

Forums

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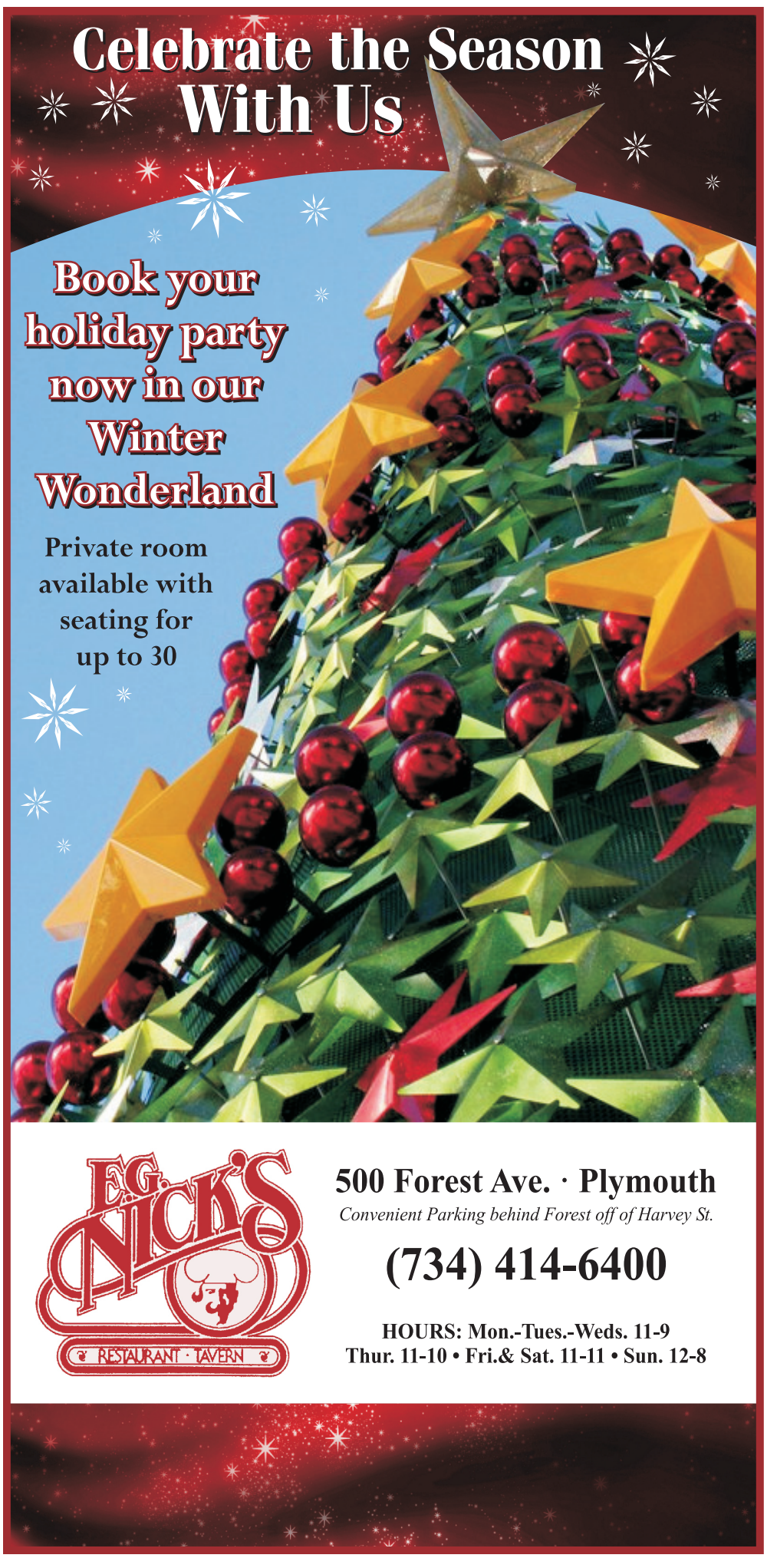
for facility repairs and maintenance to the school buildings, which are, on average, 50 years old. Sinking Fund money will also be used for technological updates, security camera updates, lighting, carpet, tile, boilers, water tanks, roofs, parking lots, athletic football/soccer/track facilities and other repairs. These funds cannot be used for salaries.

Additional Town Hall meetings about the millage issues are planned for 9 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 at Romulus High School; 5:30 Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Wick Elementary School; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1 at Barth Elementary and 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 at Romulus Elementary School.

Residents are urged, officials said, to attend the meetings and ask questions and voice their concerns regarding the upcoming millage vote.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